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# **CEDARS Newsletter - Spring 2019**

## Welcome back to the Spring 2019 term. Happy New Year

This Christmas, Pupils and staff set off on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December to see **The New Vic Theatre** bring to life the classic tale of "The Wind in the Willows". The show was primed for an adventure on the River Bank, as the animals navigated boat trips, visited intriguing new places and hurtled down winding country lanes in a succession of motor cars. It was the perfect festive treat!



# **McMillan Coffee Morning**

Over £83 was raised by pupils, parents, carers and neighbours at the annual coffee morning. Thank you to everyone who baked cakes and came along on the morning of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

#### How do I revise?

## **Top Tips from** <a href="https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/zw8qpbk">https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/zw8qpbk</a>

- ✓ Make sure you know which topics you need to revise for each subject. Use
  your exam board specifications as a revision list
- ✓ Make your revision active. Don't just read notes. You could make flash cards, mind maps or use post it notes
- ✓ Watching videos online can really help to bring your notes alive!
- ✓ Test yourself by completing past papers or asking a friend to test you! This will identify areas of strength and weakness
- ✓ Build in rewards for your revision e.g. your favourite snack or using social media

# **How to Respond to Sexting - A Guide for Parents**

#### **Sexting and its Consequences**

- Sexting has real consequences. In some cases, sexting may cause emotional distress if the sender's images or messages are forwarded on to unintentional audiences.
- Sexting between a minor (someone under 18) and an adult violates child pornography laws, regardless of whether the images sent or received were consensual.

#### In addition,

- The consequences of this behaviour, whether sending or receiving, are real and could be long-term.
- Talk to your kids about the serious consequences of sexting, create family rules and use parental monitoring/management tools. By proactively addressing inappropriate sexting before it becomes an issue, parents and kids can help prevent it from happening.

"Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death." Albert Einstein

Visit to

# Poppies: Weeping Window

at Middleport Pottery

5<sup>th</sup> September 2018



# On the 16th October we had our WWI day.

This was the launch of our own "Weeping Window" project.

On the day we created a special timetable in which staff created lessons to delve into the events of WWI. In Science, students had a look at Gas Warfare while Jason created a game on Women's Rights before, during and after the war. In English Stella looked at War Diaries, while in Maths pupils looked at money during the war and made biscuits from a WWI cookbook in Catering. Anj looked at the "C" in ICT and considered communication in war, and so had students using Morse Code.



We also had visitors to support the day. Sue organised a WWI Ambulance to come for the morning. We had Mel from Apedale History Society to talk about how local miners were used in the war and we also had the aid of a real British Tommy, who told war stories to our students and staff.

Many visitors, including the Worshipful Mayor of Newcastle-under-Lyme Councilor Gill Heesom, local police, the Fire service arrived in their engine and members of the local community, church and local primary school were all involved and took part in activities.



The main aim of the day was to make clay poppies. These ceramic flowers were fired, glazed and assembled in St Mary's Church for the Remembrance Day Service and then displayed in the Brampton Museum the following week. All donations were passed onto the Royal Legion.

# Volcanoes!

At the end of September, KS3 pupils learned about volcanoes in their Geography lessons including where they are, why they are there, how they are formed and what happens when they erupt. They then made their own mini volcanoes from playdoh.







# Dates for your diary~

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 24.12.18 - 04.01.19  JANUARY		
ivioliday	07.02.12	CLD/ III.D Opens for students
FEBRUARY		
Week beginning	04.02.19	Praise Assembly
Week beginning	11.02.19	KS4 Art Trip
Friday	15.02.19	CEDARS Closes
HALF TERM 18.02.19 - 22.02.19		
Monday	25.02.19	CEDARS Opens to students
MARCH		
Wednesday	06.03.19	KS4 Parents' afternoon 4 – 6pm
Week beginning	18.03.19	Art GCSE Exam
Monday	18.03.19	Staff Inset
Week beginning	25.03.19	Art GCSE Exam
APRIL		
Week beginning	01.04.19	College visits
		Art GCSE Exam
Week beginning	08.04.19	College visits
		Art GCSE Exam
Friday	12.04.19	CEDARS closes today
EASTER HOLIDAY 15.04.19 - 26.04.19		

**Safety advice** for children as it gets colder: ...stay away from frozen rivers, lakes and ponds. The weather is getting colder so **Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service** wanted to make your children aware of the dangers of frozen water. Iced over water has dangerously low temperatures which would be a real shock to the system and means that people can very quickly get into difficulty.

#### Their advice is as follows:

- Make sure children understand how dangerous it is to play on ice. Tell them to stay away from frozen rivers, lakes and ponds.
- Don't wander too near to the edge; icy or wet conditions could cause you to slip and fall in.
- Don't be tempted to test the thickness of the ice; it's easy to slip from the bank and fall through into the freezing water.
- Dog owners should ensure they keep their pets on a lead so they are not at risk of falling in.
- If you see someone, or a pet, fall through ice and get into difficulty do not risk yourself by trying to rescue them - instead ring 999 and ask for the fire and rescue service immediately.